undertaken to make a complete survey of bird life in Mysore, to write a report and to supply specimens to the Museum at Bangalore. The Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to examine the possibility of having a bird sanctuary in the island of Scringapatam and to submit definite proposals to Government in the matter.

19. As regards improving the stock of fish and its preservation and the regulation of its supply for consumption, the Committee, while furnishing details of the work done in these respects in the Madras Presidency, has proposed that in the first instance an application be made to the Government of Madras for the loan of an officer to survey the possibilities in the State and to make detailed recommendations. This question is engaging the attention of the Government and as soon as an expert officer becomes available, necessary steps will be taken to get the survey made. The question of imposing a license fee on every net used for fishing and for fishing with rod and line in any unprotected water in the State will, as suggested by the Committee, be deferred for action until the survey is made by a Fisheries Expert and a Game Association is created for the whole State.

20. The Committee has stated that there is much destruction of fish by persons who explode dynamite under water and have suggested closer control over licenses issued and more effective check of the explosives possessed under such licenses. The Chief Inspector of Mines, who was consulted in the matter, is satisfied that the existing arrangements on the Kolar Gold Fields do not admit of any misuse of the explosive issued for blasting purposes. The Chief Engineer has issued a circular to all officers of the department in regard to the regulation and accounting for explosives used by the department and the contractors. In the case of private individuals permitted to purchase dynamite for sinking wells, necessary instructions will be issued to the District Magistrates to scrutinise more closely every application for such a license and to allow purchase of only the minimum quantity required and to arrange for inspection of the explosives possessed under the cover of such license and to make enquiries as to the use made thereof.

21. Necessary action will be taken to consolidate and amend the Mysore Game and Fish Preservation Act No. II of 1901 and the Rules framed thereunder by incorporating in them the decisions of Government on the points dealt with in this order.

22. The Government desire to express their thanks to Sir Charles Todhunter the Chairman, and the Members of the Committee, both official and non-official, for the thoroughness with which they have dealt with the matters referred to them and for the valuable report that they have submitted.

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## LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

**Restores Government Order No. G. 5001-5—Med. 116-32-2, dated 20th January 1933, in respect of Fees for Pathological Examinations and directs that fees may be accordingly charged in the case of all patients visiting private medical practitioners.**

READ—

Government Order No. G. 5001-5—Med. 116-32-2, dated the 20th January 1933, sanctioning a revised scale of fees for pathological examinations in the Public Health Institute, and the Victoria and Krishnarajendra Hospitals.

2. Government Order No. G. 3721-4—P. H. 5-36-9, dated the 1st December 1936, passing orders on the extended facilities to be provided in hospitals and dispensaries in the State for the treatment of venereal diseases.

3. Representation of Mr. S. Rajan of the Srinivasa Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory, Bangalore City, requesting that the Government order dated 1st December 1936, may be modified as the free examination of samples for venereal diseases in the State Laboratories, is causing hardship to private laboratories.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. C. 228-57, dated the 26th August 1938, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, furnishing his opinion on the above request.

ORDER NO. G. 11282-6—MED. 298-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 3RD—11TH MAY 1939.

In the Government order dated the 1st December 1936, read above, it has been ordered that, with a view to affording more facilities for the treatment of venereal diseases in the State, blood and smear examinations should be made free of all charges in all the State Laboratories in the Medical and Public Health Departments and that both medical men in service and private medical practitioners should be encouraged to get such examinations made in them.

2. Mr. S. Rajan represents that as a result of the issue of the above Government order, his private pathological laboratory is languishing, as all blood and smear samples sent even by private practitioners are being examined free of cost in the departmental laboratories. He, therefore, requests that the above order may be cancelled.

3. The Senior Surgeon, who was consulted in the matter, points out that out of the large number of patients resorting for treatment to private practitioners, the number of patients availing themselves of the concession is very small, and that when a patient can afford to get himself treated by a private practitioner paying him the necessary fees and cost of medicines, he can very well afford to pay the small fee chargeable for such pathological examination also. He, therefore, recommends that in the case of patients visiting the Government Medical Institutions, the Government order dated the 20th January 1933, read above, may be restored, so that fees may be charged to persons whose income is above Rs. 50 per mensem, and that in the case of patients visiting private medical practitioners, fees may be charged in all cases irrespective of income.

4. The question was placed before a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council for Local Self-Government Department and Departments of Medicine, Sanitation and Public Health held on 8th April 1939, and the Committee was of opinion that the Senior Surgeon's recommendation may be accepted.

5. Government are pleased to approve of the Senior Surgeon's recommendation.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Local Self-Government Department.*

**Orders the continuance and extension of experiments in Prohibition in the Rural Welfare and Health Centre at Closepet from 1st July 1939.**

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 5395-97—Ex. 56-37-11, dated the 16th March 1938, introducing a scheme for conducting experiments in prohibition for a period of one year from 1st July 1938, in the Rural Welfare and Health Centre at Closepet.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. A1-810—38-39, dated 4th April 1939, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, submitting a report on the working of the experiments in prohibition in the Centre and furnishing his views in regard to the continuance and extension of the scheme referred to.

ORDER NO. FL. 7415-17—EX. 56-37, DATED BANGALORE, THE 16TH MAY 1939.

In reporting on the results of the experiments in prohibition, the Excise Commissioner, agreeing with the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District, recommends that in addition to the 13 Excise shops which have already been closed in the area included in the Rural Welfare and Health Centre, the remaining four toddy shops, *viz.*, at Closepet, Kotahalli, Santhemogenahalli and Bilakere, may also be closed from the next year, as it is difficult to gauge the effect of the experiments

when some shops in the area are allowed to continue. The Mysore State Temperance Federation has also been urging for the closure of the remaining shops in the area.

2. Government agree with the Excise Commissioner in the view expressed by him. Government further consider that the continuance of Excise shops in Channapatna, geographically within the area of the Rural Welfare and Health Centre and of the toddy shop at Kengal, which is just outside the area is bound to affect the success of the experiments. The closure of these shops will ensure that there will be no excise shop of any kind in the entire area covered by the Closepet Rural Welfare and Health Centre and also in close proximity thereto.

Government are therefore pleased to order that in addition to the Excise shops already closed, the ten shops noted below be also closed with effect from 1st July 1939, so that the experiments may be tried under proper conditions:—

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| 1. | The four toddy shops at Closepet, Kotahalli, Santhemogenahall and Bilakere | ... | ... 4 |
| 2. | The five Excise shops at Channapatna— | | |
| | Toddy | ... | ... 2 |
| | Arrack | ... | ... 1 |
| | Ganja | ... | ... 1 |
| | Opium | ... | ... 1 |
| 3. | Toddy shop at Kengal | ... | ... 1 |
| | | Total | ... 10 shops |

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